

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

5 In re Application of: Birk et al.) Group Art Unit: 3733
Application No.: 10/562,954)
Filing Date: December 30, 2005) Examiner: Elana Beth Fisher
10 For: IMPLANTABLE DEVICE FASTENING) Confirmation No.: 8688
SYSTEM AND METHODS OF USE) **Customer No.: 51957**

15 Mail Stop AMENDMENT
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AMENDMENT

20 Dear Sir:

Applicants respond to the December 23, 2009 office action as follows:

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25 **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.